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Reports from Shanghai—Cholera in Chinese cities—Sanitary conditions—Quarantine precautions.

Former Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 17 and 18:

Asiatic cholera now prevails to some extent among the natives along the water front in this city. This disease is also epidemic in Amoy and Hankow, claiming at the latter port some 60 victims per day, the total mortality at the last report having reached 1,860, among the fatal cases being a number of foreigners. The disease is also very prevalent at Su Chow, Wo Sieh, Hang-chow, Ning Po, and other native cities in this vicinity, and at Nankin.

Shanghai is at the present time free from smallpox and, with the exception of cholera and leprosy, of other quarantinable diseases.

In view of the fact that cholera has again made its appearance in this vicinity, quarantine precautions as to outgoing vessels, freight, and personnel are required at Shanghai.

Vessels and their personnel are inspected at the hour of sailing and, where necessary, the holds of vessels are fumigated, the personnel is bathed, and their effects are disinfected. The cargo is inspected and articles required to be disinfected are so treated.

For the purpose of providing for disinfection where necessary, there is a floating disinfecting plant consisting of a hulk fitted with a jacketed steam chamber, a formaldehyde gas generator, antiseptic shower baths with warm water, and facilities for burning sulphur.

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Report from Limon, fruit port—Increase of Stegomyia and Anopheles.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended August 29: Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The intermittent rains seem to have increased the number of *Anopheles* and *Stegomyia calopus*.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Aug. 23	Limon.....	Boston.....	44	4	0
24	Sarnia.....	New York.....	44	92	0
26	Ellis.....	New Orleans.....	36	7	26
27	Taunton.....	Mobile.....	23	5	0
28	Miami.....	New York.....	49	6	0
29	Corinto.....	New Orleans.....	21	7	0

One bill of health for Panaman port was viséed, and certificates were issued to 7 passengers bound for Colon.